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To
BEAU FRIEDLANDER

Item
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Dear Beau,

In our phone conversation of February 11, you told me that the Helena Independent Record, Montana Magazine, and the Missoulian are all owned by the same company. I'm not sure I had ever known of the existence of Montana Magazine before I heard that it was co-publishing Waits's book, but I'm not surprised to learn that the Missoulian and the Independent Record are owned by the same company. I've known for some time that a number of Montana newspapers are owned by one company. I think it's called Lee Publications or something like that. But I had the impression that the newspapers were run independently and that the parent company pretty much left them alone, at least as far as news and editorial content were concerned. Maybe that's the impression that the parent company and the newspapers like to give, but it looks as if the impression is false.

Anyway, what I'd like to do is this: I've written a brief letter (enclosed) about the Independent Record's and the Missoulian's actions in regard to Waits's book. I'd like to send this to one or more Montana papers, accompanied by copies of my letters to the Missoulian (1/24/99), the Independent Record (1/26/99), and Montana Magazine (2/2/99), and invite them to publish it (and also, if they like, the letters to

the Missoulian, the Independent Record, and Montana Mag). Publication would be on condition that I retain copyright, so that I can later publish the material elsewhere if I like.

The trouble is that I don't know which papers to send the letter to. The only papers I know of in Montana that I'm pretty sure are not owned by the Lee chain are the Great Falls Tribune and the Blackfoot Valley Dispatch. I question whether either would publish the letter, and the B.V. Dispatch is just a tiny little Lincoln paper of small circulation.

Would you be willing to help me here? You have the luxury of prompt communication, which I do not have. Could you see if you can get my letter placed in one or more Montana papers (preferably Western Montana) as soon as possible? Please let me know whether you're willing and able to do this.

If I can get this letter published, and if Ulveman is serious about investigating Waits and exposing him, then I'll hold off and just let Ulveman do the job, though of course I'll give him all the help he may ask me for. Otherwise I'll have to write something myself about Waits's book, which will be a pain in the rear, because I'll have to get people to collect information and evidence that I can't collect myself.

I have written to Ulveman on this subject, by the way.

The Livingston [Montana] Enterprise published an article about Waits's book on 12/14/98; maybe they're owned by the Lee chain too.

At 4:30 PM on February 11, Timothy McVeigh, who has the cell two doors down the hall from mine, called out to me that there was going to be something about me on Channel 6. I don't ~~watch~~ watch TV for entertainment, but I'm willing to turn the damn thing on if there's a practical need for it. So I turned on Channel 6, a station that described itself as a "sister station" of KCNC in Denver (Rick Sallinger's station), and it showed a brief segment (3 minutes?) that it said was the first part of a "four-part series" with Sallinger about Waits's book. This introductory segment seemed neutral about the validity of Waits's claims, mentioning my denial but expressing no opinion about who was telling the truth. The next day at 4:30 PM, I turned on the same channel hoping to get the second part of the "four-part series," but there was no mention of it. So I don't know when, if ever, the rest of the series will air. It's curious that I've had no letters from Sallinger for some time. So ???

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There are other things that I ought to be discussing with you, but I'll have to put them off a little longer. Bonnie has given me a big assignment, and I have to give

that priority over other work.

Best regards,

Ted

P.S. On that TV program, Sallinger stated that I was publishing a book that would probably come out about June. That's more than I know! Is it true that T. vs L. can be expected to appear about June?

- T.

P.P.S. In our telephone conversation you mentioned some photographs of my cabin that showed no hole in the walls through which ~~there~~ a pipe could have passed. Could you get me copies of those photographs?

- T.